

CAROL MOORE "AMICUS BRIEF" REGARDING SUSPENSION OF LNC SECRETARY CARYN ANN HARLOS

To: Libertarian Party Judicial Committee, October 19, 2021

As a Libertarian Party member and activist since 1979, I have read LNC-related email lists and groups for much of 30 years and attended over 25 in-person LNC meetings. I have never seen an LNC member's behavior as disruptive as that of Caryn Ann Harlos.

Here I comment on three issues that arose in the Judicial Committee's October 17th hearing. I also share my four page August 2021 comments to the LNC on this issue.

1) Some JC members seem to think **two references in Article V "Social Media" to the Non-Aggression Principle (NAP)** distort libertarian principles and make "mean words" an NAP violation. They do not. (Note that the "Social Media" section first appeared in the March 2021 version of the handbook. The introduction to all recent versions of the manual make clear all its provisions apply to LNC members.)

The first mention of NAP in the "Service to the public" section seems to refer to outsiders' perception of the party: "avoid hostility in social media communication as this can be conceived as a violation of the Non Aggression Principle."

The second mention regarding "personal use of social media" says sanctions are "only to be applied in instances where an employee or qualified volunteer slanders or defames the party or individual within the party or expresses a position or policy that is directly in violation of the bylaws, platform, statement of principles, or the Non-Aggression Principle." *There is no indication this broadens the meaning to go beyond force and fraud to "mean words"*. If it did Ms. Harlos would have complained about it from the start.

A couple LNC members may have the <u>personal opinion</u> that Ms. Harlos' statements violate NAP – or the LP membership pledge. Ms. Harlos' repeated references to "barbed wire dildos" and giving others "butt hurt" might look like threats of initiation of force for political purposes. But the Committee explicitly acted on Ms. Harlos' violation of the two Standing Rules.

2) The LNC Policy Manual, Article II, Standing Rules Section 2.01 "Obligations among Board Members and Staff" have very clear rules which Ms. Harlos has violated. These really are contractual obligations. Any new member who openly violated them would not last long on the LNC. LNC members have accused Ms. Harlos of violating 2) "Conflict of Interest" and 5) "Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition."

I doubt Ms. Harlos ever contested these policies. As secretary she recorded conflicts of interest. And she has charged others with harassing and offensive behavior towards herself.

- * "Conflict of Interest": Ms. Harlos attempts to monetize her exaggerated and even false charges against LNC members by making Youtube videos about individual members and the whole group. She encourages thousands of individuals via social media to watch them so they can help her make money, most recently to pay the mortgage on the home she personally owns. However, except for a few outliers, she averages under 200 views per video and probably has made little money on this venture. This is hardly "her job" as she stated, but a tool for political ambitions. See https://www.youtube.com/c/PinkFlameofLiberty/videos
- * "Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition." The section's introduction requests that LNC members and staffers "treat each other with professional respect, thoughtful consideration, and fundamental decency." The listing of prohibited behavior includes offensive words and images Ms. Harlos has posted repeatedly as evidenced in the images Ms. Ebke shared in her initial motion, in other material the Judicial Committee has received, as well as a few things I evidence in my attached document. She has exhibited "verbal behavior [that] clearly offends a reasonable person" and harassment, such as "off-color jokes and sexual innuendoes" (especially repeated references to "barbed wire dildos" and giving "butt hurt") and "derogatory posters, pictures, cartoons, or drawings". Just two examples are included below. They were made on her Twitter feed which has been dedicated to insulting LNC members much of this year.



Ms. Harlos dozens of emails badgering LNC members to accept her opinions, and insulting them when they did not, clearly was harassment. Her exaggerated or false allegations that most LNC members are corrupt and covering up the past Chair's questionable behavior regarding the "New Hampshire affair" disrupted deliberations. Even simple questions to her on the LNC email list would spur her accusations they were harassing and persecuting her.

In her June 16, 2021 "LNC corruption" video Harlos she said that "corruption will be purged from this party or this party does not deserve to exist and I will gladly help burn it to the ground." Later last summer she repeatedly asserted that LNC members harassed her so abusively she just had to share with the her supporters and the world her suicidal "feelings". (Evidence for both assertions is enclosed in my August 2021 statement to the LNC below.)

To end, I hope the Judicial Committee will uphold the Libertarian National Committee suspending Ms. Harlos as secretary. Feel free to contact me with questions.

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Comment on Ms. Harlos Modus Operandi, including relevant "suicide" statements, and quotes from her June 16, 2021 "help burn down the Libertarian Party" youtube video

As a Libertarian Party member and activist since 1979, I have read LNC-related email lists and groups for 30 years. I've attended seven national conventions and attended over 25 in-person LNC meetings. So I can confidantly say no LNC member's behavior has been as atrocious as that of Caryn Ann Harlos. As a long-time whistleblower and gadfly myself, it disgusts me to see her relentless drive to divide and control the Libertarian Party under the guise of being a righteous defender of principle.

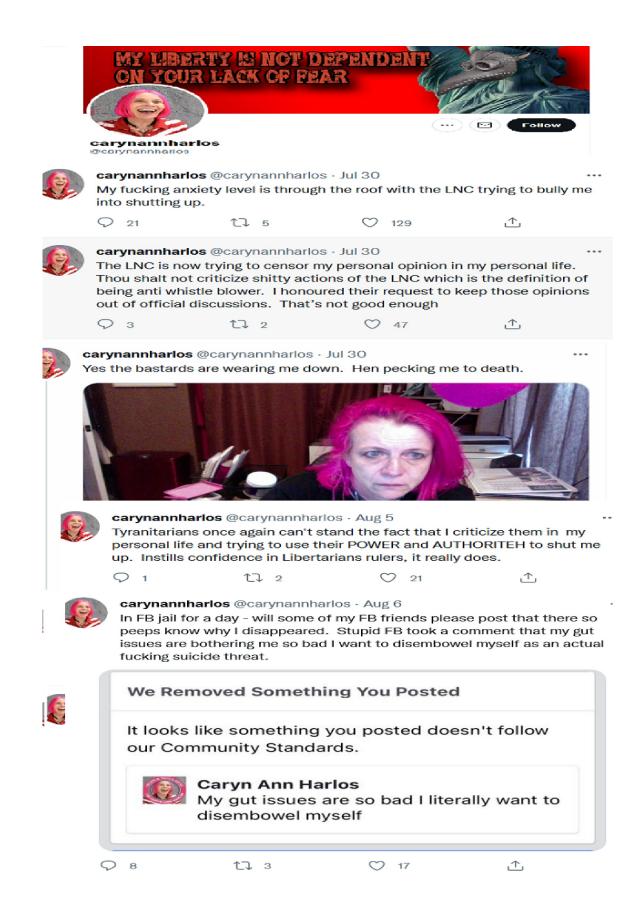
Mr. Longstreth and Ms. Ebke have detailed Ms. Harlos verbal assaults on LNC members, including by using social media to rev up her personal fan club and members of the so-called "Mises Caucus". (Since Ludwig Von Mises had to flee from the Nazis after they invaded Austria, I'm sure he'd be disgusted by a group that supports users of one of their favorite slogans: "blood and soil".)

Within 20 minutes of Mr. Longstreth posting his June 2021 email motion to suspend Ms. Harlos, he got six co-sponsors. Ms. Harlos immediately made a 40 minute self-described "pity party" video which she posted on youtube. (She removed it a few days later after several of us downloaded it first.) In it Harlos encouraged Facebook fans and "Mises" Caucus members to insult LNC members during "public comment" on LNC zoom meetings. Later, the Vice Chair ruled a motion to suspend an LNC officier would have to be brought to an in-person LNC meeting. That is what Ms. Ebke has done and it is on the agenda for the September LNC meeting.

Ms. Harlos' modus operandi of narcissism, aggression, crudity, lies and creating conflict dates back to her ten plus years in the Christian "preterist" movement. You can see many exposes of her behavior if you search "hyperpreterist" and "Dee Dee Warren". That was her "ministry" name which she also used in her first months in the Libertarian Party. For just one example see http://unpreterist.blogspot.com/2017/11/ppodcast.html

One of Harlos' manipulative tactics which Ms. Ebke evidences is particularly disgusting - talk of suicide. Harlos calls it merely sharing her feelings. Most of us will recognize this as a blatant attempt to silence critics and manipulate fans into supporting her. Members have a right to know about abusive Harlos comments from the LNC Internal list. Transparency and all that.

Ms. Harlos shared at least two comments related to suicide on social media. The more recent refers to disembowling herself because of her gut pain allegedly caused by LNC members. Disemboweling, of course, is a known means of suicide in some cultures. Facebook was sufficiently alarmed about her mental health that it blocked the post. She tweeted it on twitter. Carol Moore on LNC Suspension of Caryn Ann Harlos [8/30/21] page 1 of 4



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Ms. Harlos also discussed suicide in her June 16 video where she says "I am suicidally depressed over this" and later "I'm in a very very dark place".

Below I share more June 16 Harlos video quotes related to the LNC. (Plus a couple screenshots from the video.) They illustrate how she also uses her alleged victimhood as a woman and self-described disabled person to try to bully critics and manipulate supporters.

My approximate time stamps are from her first words, "Ok, everyone". Ms. Harlos can put the video back up if she wants to provide "context."



5:20 She says she is being attacked "cause I called people fuckers and bitches. kiss my libertarian ass self righteous mother fuckers." (Smacks her behind.)

9:10 (re: if she is removed) "Rat fucks. And I will rerun. Motherfuckers."

9:56 "The cowards are voting by email. Cause they're scared to let me talk. Sexist fuckers."

10:20 "If they are lucky I wont get on national tv."



11:00 "I'm going to blow this shit up. Causing me stress. I'm suicidally depressed over this."

13:20 "They'll have their scape goat but I will fight back. And I will re-run. And corruption will be purged from this party or this party does not deserve to exist and I will gladly help burn it to the ground."

14:40 "And half of the behavior that they don't like, and I know people are going to laugh at me, but I don't care, is because the way I communicate is because I have autism. Fucking abelist

fucker mother fucker sexists."

21:50 "You can bet your sweet ass I am going to try my hardest to get on national media over this. My next email is going to be to Reason magazine."

22:35 "How can you help me right now? Show an overwhelming show of support. That's how you can help me. That's the biggest thing you can do to help me. Because I'm in a very very very dark place."

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24 to 26 minutes She talks about her former 20 year abusive marriage to a "cop". And how her religious evangelical family and abusive ex-husband always told her to shut up. Evidently now she believes she has the right to say anything to as much as she wants, without criticism.

29:40 "I may not have been the most polite but these rat fucks came for me in retaliation."

37 to 43 minutes: She gives instructions on how all her fans should act against LNC members, including calling them

cowards in public comments during LNC public comment periods. She talks more about getting herself re-elected for secretary and infers even she may run for - Chair? President[?].

<u>To end my comments:</u> Ms. Harlos keeps speaking about taking legal action against the LNC on various questionable grounds. It looks to me like her constant intentional disruptions are tortious interference with LNC functions supporting the Libertarian Party.

I hear the LNC is receiving a number of complaints from others about Ms. Harlos various abusive actions towards them. I myself suffered more than a year of her spreading false homophobic allegations that I repeatedly propositioned her online. Something which she cannot prove because it is not true. I complained to the LNC when I found out about it circa 2019 and publicly a number of times since.

Caryn Ann Harlos seems to be motivated by her narcissistic need to be always right, enjoyment of the conflict she creates as she tries to stay in control, and her opportunistic political alliance with "Mises" Caucus leaders. Both try to prove that state and national parties are run by incompetents. She makes it clear she thinks that she and Michael Heise and their allies must take the party over and run out anyone who doesn't accept their dominance.

You will receive hundreds of messages from manipulated fans of Harlos and of the Ron Paul/GOP-influenced Mises/Heise "caucus". These should not outweigh messages from real libertarian activists who have seen the damage both are doing to the party.

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